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As you are aware, following a request from the delegation of Qatar supported by a large majority of Member States to convene an emergency special session pursuant to General Assembly resolution 377 A (V) of 3 November 1950, entitled "Uniting for peace", to consider "Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory" (A/ES-10/1, annex), and upon the concurrence of a majority of Members, the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly was convened on Thursday, 24 April 1997. It would be recalled that the request was made following discussions in the Security Council which had been unable to take action because of the lack of unanimity of its permanent members.

Fifty-nine Member States and two observers participated in the debate on the "Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory". On Friday, 25 April 1997, by a recorded vote of 134 in favour to 3 against, with 11 abstentions, the General Assembly adopted resolution A/ES-10/2.

In that connection, I have the honour to draw your attention, in particular, to paragraphs 9 and 13, in which, the General Assembly:

> "9. Requests the Secretary-General to monitor the situation and to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution, within two months of its adoption, in particular on the cessation of the construction of the new settlement in Jabal Abu Ghneim and of all other illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.
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> "13. Decides to adjourn the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly temporarily and to authorize the President of the General Assembly to resume its meetings upon request from Member States."

I would like to request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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